

THE LEDUC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has dreamed up a unique contest. A number of judges will select the winners who will be watching employees in Leduc's retail outlets, cafe, service stations, gas stations and restaurants for the month of December. They will be looking for friendliness, efficiency, salesmanship and customer service. The winners will receive cash prizes and COUNTRIES. Cash prizes of \$15 each will be awarded to three winners in each category. The winners of the chamber in January.

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WHEN THE NEW ALBERTA GOVERNMENT Telephone directories are distributed next year an old and friendly custom will be seen a slow demise in High River. Street addresses of resident subscribers

TONIGHT'S SHOW comes the problem of the Phil Lucas family at Vulcan. They're one of the flying units in Alberta and the family in Alberta Flying Farmers with five members holding licenses. Each Lucas

the phone, who's founded a local business people will be able to help you find out where here and there in the town. Instead of moving to a peaceful area, you'll be moving to a place where you can find out where there and go as far as the Post Office then turn left. Keep going straight down the street, you, then turn right. You'll pass the house where the hospital is. Go the last street to the right - and let me see now - it's the house where you're your birth but you'll better ask when you get there. The house where you can find out where this help. The stranger who's been in the hospital will be handed the telephone book. The people will be kept busy learning the names of the streets and avenues and trying to forget the landmarks as a means of remembering the place.

Well, some trigger happy hunters up and did it in the ranch country west of High River. They (or it) shot a purebred yearling bull on the D Ranch owned by Jim Cartwright. The bull was found on November 13 and appeared to have been shot from close range when Jim Cartwright bought the ranch. He was up on a conversation with a local man in a Vancouver restaurant and started a morning shoot. He also borrowed the local man's gun worth \$180. The next morning the only one to appear for the hunt was the victim. When the stranger was caught in Lethbridge the gun was recovered along with a 9 mm. revolver, he was arrested.

IN BEVERLY, on the east-
ern fringe of Edmonton a local
TV and radio fan has become
a favorite attraction for a
thief for a reason. The fan
who prefers stealing to buy-
ing, has been the topic of
discussion in the city for
into three times within
the past 12 months.

Losses have now exceeded \$2,
500. The Beverly Page reports
that investigation of the thefts
discloses they are done by
the same suspect. The recent
break-in netted 11 radios val-
ued at \$1,000 for the thief and
the owner. The owner of the
display window which he broke
with a tossed brick. The brick
must have been well padded to
penetrate the window and the
glass, for the owner, asleep in
the building, heard no sound
and did not discover the damage
until the next morning when he
went to go fishing.

Paper Back World

Reviewed by John Keith

BORN FREE by Jay Adamson. 2001. A **PONTANA** book.

Jay Adamson, the wife of a senior game warden in Africa's northern frontier province of Kenya, adopted a lioness, Elsa — the central character in this book — and her two sisters when George Adamson was forced to kill their mother.

The two lioness sisters were eventually sent to a zoo in Holland, but Elsa remained in

The various games Elsa enjoyed are described in a wealth of detail by Mrs. Adamson. Her account is supplemented by photographs of Elsa playing with an old automobile tire toys, dragging a groundshee as she would later drag a kill.

A remarkable book about unique "childhood". The 14 pages of text are supplemented by 32 pages of striking photographs.

WHAT YOU

Nearly everyone at one time has started a collection — china — books — \$100 bills — shaving brushes — cups — almost anything. At one time, one has tried — watercolor painting — carpentry — cabinet work, stone-polishing, and so on. Of these pursuits have

When mailing in the coupon, if you wish, please describe more fully in a letter but do not send samples of hobby work through the mail. Photographs may be sent.

Until very recently mothers have found it a real chore to buy clothing for their small children. They either had to take little Johnny or Susan along to try on garments to be sure of a good fit or they had to take home things on approval for a fitting session.

The first method resulted in an exhausting shopping trip; the second in a double tour for a single purpose.

The third method of sizing has been developed, called the Canada Standard Size System, and is being used in all departments. These dimensions have been reached through measuring thousands of children and youngsters, and are 90 per cent of youngsters. Three methods are used: chest-hip, waist-hip and chest-hip. Each of the three methods needed in each case.

NEW SPECIFICATIONS

Four additional specifications have also been completed:

- 49-GP-37 — Dimensional standard for girls' knitted knee-length pants (sneakers).
- 49-GP-38 — Dimensional standard for girls' short shorts. Jamaica and Bermuda shorts.
- 49-GP-37 — Dimensional standard for girls' slacks.
- 49-GP-39 — Dimensional standard for girls' slims.

These cost can be each and may be obtained by writing to The Secretary, Canadian Gov-

MEASURE CAREFULLY

So the next time you go shopping for children's garments, measure your youngster carefully over light, closely fitting

CAC PROJECT

The sizing program was spearheaded by the Canadian Association of Costume Technicians, but other standard sizes will be set by its members and women throughout the country. The program is open to all, from the 12-year-old to stock Canada Standard and Sizes.

Information about the sizing system is available in a brochure from the Standards Branch, Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. The booklet is free.

In February, 1962 the Cana- **WESTERN EQUIPMENT**

HEADQUARTERS

ments for which dimensional standards had been completed by the Canadian Government Specifications Board.

TWO REVISIONS

Two have since been revised and these improved specifications have been made:

49-GP-18C—Dimensional standard for girls' woven pyjamas (with or without collar, long or short sleeves or sleeveless).

49-GP-19C—Dimensional standard for boys' woven pyjamas (with or without collar, long or short sleeves or sleeveless).

Nearly everyone at one time or another has started a collection — stamps — coins — china — books — records — \$100 bills — shaving mugs — mustache cups — almost anything. Nearly everyone has tried — and, worse, abandoned — carpentry, carving — leatherwork, stone-polishing, etc., etc. Some of these pursuits have ended in absorption.

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Hobby Dept. RURAL ALBERTA
805 - 5th St. S.W., Calgary

My Hobby Is _____

Name _____

Address _____

NEWS ADVERTISER **District Personalities**
and The Western Weekly Supplement

Vol. 7, No. 60 DECEMBER 12, 1963. A. Playford, Publisher Box 120, Drayton Valley.

R.C.M.P. Reports On Burglaries, Accidents, Etc

On December 12th a man from Edmonton, employed by Redwell servicing Company, Norman, was involved in an accident in the Lodgepole area when he was crushed by the Redwell servicing rig falling on him. Cause of the accident was apparently that the rig slipped off the jacks that were suspending it. The reason for this was that the rig was defective and three small bolts. An inquest is being conducted before Coroner Dr. J. G. Waugh on

A truck accident on the river road half east of Drayton Valley left Peter Solomon of the Round Valley-Moon Lake area in Drayton Valley hospital with a compound fracture of the leg and internal and head injuries. Mr. Solomon is still confined to hospital.

ta. According to reports, apparently his motor stalled as he went up the hill, with a load of gravel, causing his power brakes to fail, with the result that he started rolling back. He tried to start the motor to steer the rolling vehicle, but it got out of control and toppled over the side of the bank, severely injuring the man. The accident occurred December 11.

Apparently the Evansburg Liquor Store robbery was not by the same group who robbed Stearns Store. The liquor from Evansburg case was found in hotel room in Edmonton. The ones who perpetrated the Evansburg robbery also were found connected. They were three from Vancouver.

The young man, Berteloni, who was caught, forcing entrance into the Dayton Valley Motor office was brought before an Edmonston court and charged with five coat counts of Breaking and Entering and Theft, one count of Theft of Automobile and one count of Breaking and Entering and Theft with Intent. On these seven counts, he was sentenced two

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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WILLIAM GILLIS JOHANNESSON

William Gillis Johannesson was born in the City of Winnipeg, his family later moved to Winnipeg, where Bill attended

retary-treasurer with the Town of Trauson Valley in January, 1968. A position that he has very satisfactorily filled since

While in Manitoba he served on the Provincial Council for Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario from 1958 to 1957.

He saw action in England with an anti-aircraft battery, and then entered an officer cadet training at Gattwick Officer Training School. On graduation he joined the Field Artillery Headquarters at Borden where he was stationed until he returned to Canada in September, 1945. In Canada he was in the Denbigh Division Service until he retired from active service in July, 1946.

He commenced Municipal work with the Village of Winnipegosis after leaving the army and remained in that position until he accepted the position of sec-

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ing, a time of renewing and recalling old friendships and making new friendship deeper and stronger, a time when peace and love reign among all men of good will, also even a time of nostalgia, when the happy and glamorous times of Christmas past are recalled and the old friends and relatives met in old, so much

stores that ever lived, the comfortable Christmas Dickensian Christmas in words so fitting like these:

Happy, Happy Christmas to take the old man back to his boyhood days, to the circus traveler and the sailor, a bowl of milk from home back to his own quiet friends and his home.

to us in those happy days long past shrouded by the mists of time are fondly remembered. The immortal Christmas spirit spreads across the world touching each and every individual with its magic word— even those who maintain that Christmas means nothing to them for one reason or another.

The greatest writer of Christmas

This is what Christmas means: Charles Dickens and to ascertain what it means to each and every one of us today. Christmas among other things is a heartening time for everyone. I don't know if you are a Quaker. A person may be thousands of miles away, but deep in his

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Page 8 RURAL ALBERTA

There were a few stragglers who didn't get in the picture at the Rotary Children's Party which was held in Scout Hall Monday evening, December 17th. The party, an Annual Affair with Rotarians was a huge success. A good turkey supper was enjoyed by all present, adults and children, and in addition to gifts for every child each one also received a bag of candy, not to forget all the soft drinks he or she could consume. Centre of attraction is a month old Donald Francis.

CHRISTMAS EDITION

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Write to 12511 - 132 Street or Box 148, Spruce Grove.

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CABIN & TRAILER SPACE FOR RENT. Also Two Cabins to Rent. APPLY Plot's Trailer Court, PHONE 542-3875.

FOR QUICK SALE: Will sacrifice 2 ton near hospital for the price of sidewalk & utilities. PHONE 542-3619.

FOR SALE: 1964 Monarch Lincoln rebuild T, bird engine. Make me an offer, PHONE 542-3851.

FOR SALE: Keystone 16mm movie camera and Keystone projector, H. Watkins, PHONE 542-3655 Res. 542-3678.

FOR SALE: 12' x 18' Skidhouse. Cold water, plumbing installed. PHONE 542-3655.

FOR SALE: 18' x 24' building, suitable for warehouse. Must be moved. \$700.00. PHONE 542-3655.

FOR RENT: Small Industrial or Commercial building. PHONE 542-3655.

FOR SALE OR RENT: 12' x 24' Skidhouse. Full bathroom, south of hospital. PHONE 542-3671.

FOR SALE: 8' x 22' house trailer. Contains fridge, T.V., 4 burner Duo Therm Oil stove & Oil heater. \$400.00. APPLY Plot's Trailer Court.

FOR RENT: 2 Bedroom home. PHONE 542-2080 after 5 p.m.

LOST: In Block 25 area, large red child's wagon. Finder please Phone 542-3643 for REWARD.

FOR SALE: 1962 Teddhome-Horse trailer, 10' x 6' APPLY Gordon Lindgren, Poplar Ridge Trailer Court.

Would the person who took a pair of men's overcoats size 10 with initial H.M. inside please return them. Taken from Elks Community Hall the night of howling tempest. Please leave them at Pembina News Office, PHONE 542-3643.

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ELKS COMMUNITY HALL.

NOTICE

THE JADE CAFE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS DAY AND WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. - 7 P.M. ON JANUARY 1st.
Manager and Staff.

Help Wanted - Male

LARGE INDEPENDENT REQUIRES JUNIOR FOR PEMBINA AREA. Some one with experience desired. APPLY "Drawer" H-Box 120, Drayton Valley, Alta.

NOTICE

WE ARE NO LONGER OPERATING DRAYTON VALLEY AMBULANCE. Withdrawing all the best of the Season.

NOTICE

ADDITIONAL CLASSIFIED ON PAGE 22 OF THE FIRST SECTION.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH NEWS

Regular services are held in the Basement Chapel of the Pentecostal Church every Sunday as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 11:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.
EVENING SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23rd.
Rev. McAllister and family from Westdale will be taking part in all services of the day in World, Music, and Song.
Also, a Christmas service will be held Dec. 25th at 10 A.M. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY PROPOSE TO PASS A BYLAW NO. 210 OF THE SAID TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY BEING A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 91 BEING THE ZONING BYLAW OF THE SAID TOWN.

That Bylaw No. 210 authorize the Council of the Town of Drayton Valley to amend Bylaw No. 91 as follows:

1. That Lots 1 to 5 incl. in Bk. 46 Plan No. 2041 M.C. in "Drayton Valley be re-zoned to Low Density Residential Class "B", and Lots 26 to 35 incl. in Bk. 46, Plan No. 2041 M.C. in "Drayton Valley be re-zoned to Low Density Class "A".
2. That Blocks 46 and 47 in Plan No. 2043 M.C. in Drayton Valley be re-zoned to Public Use Classification.

3. That Lots 1 to 7 incl. in Bk. 46 in Plan 2042 M.C. in "Drayton Valley be re-zoned to Low Density Residential Class "B".

A copy of this Bylaw and the map of the Area may be examined in the Town Office at all reasonable hours of business.

A Public Meeting will be held in the Town Office at 10:00 A.M. on 14th February 1963 for the Council to consider any Objections, Complaints or Recommendations pertaining to this amendment.

Drayton Valley, Alberta
16th December, 1962
W. G. JOHANNESON
Secretary - Treasurer.

NOTICE

WE HAVE CLOSED GLORIA'S CAFE IN KNIGHT SERVICE STATION.

We thank one and all for your patronage.

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Announcement
Mr. and Mrs. L. Whittam of 971 Hwy Ave., Victoria, B.C. wish to announce the marriage of their son, David David to Miss Florence Jacob of Saginaw, Alberta. The bride and groom are making their home with the Whittams in Victoria as David is working for Peter Sawdon Drilling in the North.

FOR RENT: 3 room house has combination Kitchen-Living room, 2 bedrooms, porch, all utilities, \$70.00 per month. JOHNSON INSURANCE SERVICES PH 542-3919. NBR: 542-3704.

FEMALE CLERK-TYPIST REQUIRED: By Jamies Pipe Line Ltd. APPLY Stating qualifications, BOX 336, Drayton Valley.

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TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY PROPOSE TO PASS A BYLAW NO. 210 OF THE SAID TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY BEING A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 91 BEING THE ZONING BYLAW OF THE SAID TOWN.

That Bylaw No. 210 authorize the Council of the Town of Drayton Valley to amend Bylaw No. 91 as follows:

1. That Lot "A" Block 22 Plan 1203 M.C. be Re-Zoned from Low Density Residential To High Density Residential Classification.

A copy of the said Bylaw and a map of the proposed area may be examined in the Town Office at all reasonable business hours.

A Public Meeting will be held in the Town Office at 10:00 A.M. on the 14th February A.D. 1963 for Council to consider any objections, complaints or recommendations pertaining to the Amendment.

Drayton Valley, Alberta
16th December, 1962
W. G. JOHANNESON
SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Call For Nominations For Board Of School Division

(Section 132 (1))

STONY PLAIN SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 23
Nominations for the office of divisional trustee for Sub-Division No. 3 of the STONY PLAIN School Division No. 23 of the Province of Alberta will be received by the undersigned at his office in the TOWN OF STONY PLAIN, Alberta, until 5 o'clock on TUESDAY, the 15th day of JANUARY 1963.

Nomination and acceptance forms (Forms G and H) may be obtained from the secretary of your School District, or from the undersigned.

A. W. BOYCHUCK - Secretary
STONY PLAIN SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 23
STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA.

THE TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY



TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY
PHONE: 542-3327

From The Staff Of The Town Of Drayton Valley And From Drayton Valley Town Council

CHRIST THE EVERLASTING ONE

BY Rev. Fr. Scriver
St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad before the face of the Lord for He comes.

Every human creature must be tested and tried here on earth: thus does he prove his loyalty to God. Let us indulge in self pity. It is useful at the holy season of Christmas to contrast our circumstances with those which surrounded the birth of the Redeemer.

As a human creature we came out of nothing at the word of God. We had no rights, no claims, no authority to demand

this or that from God. We were given infinite blessings by Him Who made us. We were given a soul, indestructible and immortal, a mind and a will, even like God's, being made in His image and likeness. We have a glorious destiny of which no one can deprive us. For the present, we are shut in the prison of this life, and must undergo our share of suffering and trial. This may come to us in the form of sickness or poverty or misunderstanding or false love. Nevertheless we have at least what we need to eat and drink and clothe ourselves: we have modest comforts and compensations that life brings. We have, moreover, the infallible promise of God that we can win

for ourselves the infinite blessings of heaven.

And the lot of Christ our Saviour? He was the uncreated God, the everlasting One, the infinite One, unconfined and uncreated. Christmas commemorates His coming down to earth as a prisoner, not to a king's palace or lord's estate; not to an inn or a house, but to a stable. If we begin to feel sorry for ourselves that circumstances have humbled us in this sorrowful down, reflect on the King of kings, who look of through the door of a stable and used none of His infinite power to escape his sorry shelter: learn from Him what it means to be patient in such trials.

May the infant Christ who was born for you, be formed in you.

"Good King Wenceslas" died 880 A.D. The Christmas song about him was written by Rev. M. Neale in the 18th century.

Signs of Christmas

The appearance of holiday decorations on streets and in windows of stores and homes is a sure sign but there are also other ways to tell that Christmas is not too far away. You can count the days until Christmas on your fingers when:

Department store clerks are "extra" friendly and courteous.
Strangers begin to smile and speak to you on the street.

Children never fail to say "Merry Christmas" and "Mum!"
The bus driver sees you running—and waits an extra minute.

The grouchy neighbor across the street smiles and waves as you go by.
Someone offers to help Mom do the dishes.

You find yourself suddenly feeling fine and looking at the world through rose-colored glasses.

When thou makest presents, let them be of such things as will last long; to the end they may be in some sort immortal, and may frequently refresh the memory of the receiver.

—Fuller.

The Croesus said to have been instituted by St. Francis of Assisi in Greccio, Italy, on Christmas Eve, 1224.

Mince pies established as part of Christmas fare in England as early as 1500.

Earliest dated reference to a Christmas tree in a letter written by a traveller in Alsace, 1605. At Christmas, they set up fir trees in the parlours of Strasbourg and hang thereon roses cut out of many colored paper, apples, waxen, gold-foil, sweets etc."

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Your Power to Bless

It is just as easy to bless as it is to find fault. When we criticize and complain we are intensifying the very unpleasant conditions that we are complaining about. But blessing such things takes the power of evil out of them and turns on the power of good.

The power to bless is more marvelous than the power of Aladdin's lamp. Why not use it? If you had Aladdin's lamp in your house you would not leave it on a shelf. You would get it out and rub it often. Why not get out your power of blessing and use it today and every day and prove its magic? You cannot afford to leave your power to bless unused.—Lowell Fillmore: New Ways to Solve Old Problems.

YES, YOUR TREE CAN LIVE AFTER CHRISTMAS

It may if you buy a living tree and transplant it outdoors after the holiday season. Transplanting evergreens in winter is not easy, but some people have been doing it successfully year after year. They believe it's a fun way to maintain year-round the feeling of unity and family identity they associate with Christmas trees.

The cost of a live tree is higher than that of a cut tree of comparable size. For the added expense, though, you add an evergreen to your home's landscape—assuming the transplanting is successful. For example, in one Eastern area, a widely used living tree is the Norway spruce. A three- to four-foot tree costs about \$10, a six- to seven-foot tree, about \$18. In the same area, a popular cut tree, the balsam fir, three to four feet high, costs about \$5; six to seven feet, about \$10.

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cheer to all our friends and patrons.

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gratitude for your kind
friendship and
patronage during the year.

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SHOPPE**

PHONE: 542-3808

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By A. Playford

"Who being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be equal
with God" (Phil. 2:6, 7) Philippians
2:1 to 11 deals with the
coming of Christ and His relation
ship to the Father.

One of the first things we notice
about Christmas is the name of
Christ. It is a wonderful name.
Isaiah had prophesied that His
name would be called "Wonder-
ful". There are certain names in
all ages that are known the
throughout all the world, either for
good or for evil. At the time
Christ came the name of Caesar
was well known. Today there
are certain names which appear
in almost every news paper
around the world. "They flash
briefly across the firmament of
Time, flicker out, and are gone
But the Name of Christ lives on,
particularly in Christmas, what?
THEN, DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN?

CHRISTMAS MEANS A MANI-
FESTATION.

"Without controversy great is the
mystery of godliness. God was
manifest in the flesh..." (1 Tim.
3:16)

And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us" (Jo. 1:14).

God was in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:19).

These and many other scriptures
such as "He that hath seen me,
hath seen the Father" (Jo. 14:9) and
John 16:7-11 and my hope
is that you will show us that
when Christ came God came in
the form of humanity.

We notice, too, that in Christ
the Silence of God was broken.
There had been no word to the
implied prophets for some four
hundred years. "...and seen
is sent---But in Christ the
voice of God was broken. God
(and the heavenly host) broke
forth into full chorus. To a few
startled shepherds on a Judean
hillside the angel chorus sang--
"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will
toward men" (Luke 2:14).

CHRISTMAS MEANS A MANGER
"And she brought forth her first-
born son, and wrapped him in
swaddling clothes, and laid him
in a manger" (Luke 2:7)

What Christ came to, through-
out all time and to everybody.

The angels said to the shepherds
"For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord. And
this shall be a sign unto you; ye
shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes, lying in a
manger" (Luke 2:11)

The world, which thrust Him
out as the last in the line, on the
point of a spear, received Him
in coldness on a pallet of straw.
In this stable were no decorations
such as light or flowers now--
no perfumes, even, to hide the
odors of the barnyard filth.

Jesus was born in poverty, born
to the stables of a Virgin. The Wis-
dom men called Him "king", yet he
had no armed retainers such as
young princes have. He was
armed only with his purity and
innocence.

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Season's
Greetings

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HEARTIEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

God Blesses The World

Once again we are given the opportunity to offer our homage to God for His blessing the world through the birth of Jesus Christ. In the Incarnation God reveals His love and concern for all humanity as well as His sovereignty over all He has created.

The world needs to receive this message. A leading prelate recently said: "The answer to materialism is not spiritualism". Too often Christians lapse into a form of religion which robs the Incarnation of its significance as they attempt to escape from the problems of the world. This spiritualizing is no answer to the problems, and it is certainly not Christianity.

"The Word was made flesh". The Christian answer to materialism is to redeem it. Our battle is not with materialism but with cynicism, or the denial of God in human hearts. The redeemed soul sees the fulness of God's blessing in material things and knows how to use them in His service and for His glory.

A vivid spiritualizing holds no hope for a world which is torn in strips through war, suspicion and distrust. The power of God revealed in fully human terms through Jesus Christ, demonstrates why there is joy and hope in the Christian religion. Even in our human trespass and sin, our Cubans and Berlings, God comes to raise us up. This is why communism, the most militant and best-organized form of modern atheism, cannot ultimately win the war against humanity. God has acted and has already shown a "more perfect way".

We wish our readers the fulness of joy and hope which comes from celebrating the birth of Christ, and we bid them look out on the world with the vision of God before them.

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Christmas Song

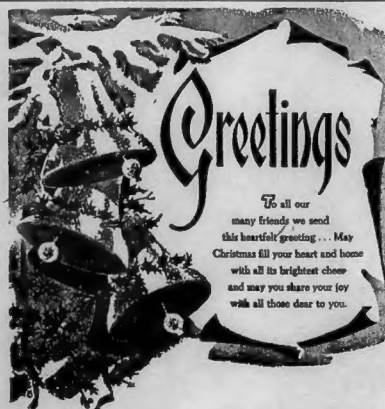
by Bliss Carnum

Above the weary waiting world,
Aster in child despair,
There breaks a sound of joyous bells
Upon the frozen air,
And o'er the howling winter, lo,
A star is dancing on the snow.

What makes the yellow star to dance?
(Upon the brink of night?)

What makes the breathing dawn to
glow
So magically bright—
And all the earth to be revived
With radiant brightness?

The singing bells, the striking star,
The unknown on the snow,
And the awakening heart that leaps
New victory to know?
They all are dancing in the morn
Because a little child is born.



*To all our
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this heartfelt greeting... May
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God Became Man In Jesus Christ

By The Rev. G. Ingram
All Saints' Anglican Church.

The publishers of newspapers, —
a praiseworthy example of whom
has graciously provided for my
message to you, — are always
seeking sensational news stories.
Stories which are now strange,
now unheard of, now interesting,
are quickly discovered and re-
ported.

There is one event having a nar-
rative which is at once, and pre-
cisely, interesting, unheard of
and interesting. This is the fact
that God became man, (and) born of the Virgin Mary.

For a moment this story, more so
than anything else, "Heaven
Comes Down To Earth", such a
headline in the papers would re-
ally bring one up short, wouldn't
it? Even in those days, that
would be considered peace-stopp-
ing news.

God became man in Jesus Christ
— a disconcerted to our ears.
Our reflection upon this fact im-
pels us to celebrate Christ's birth
God has come to us that we might
come to Him. He has come in a
mysterious and mysterious way—
conceived of the Holy Ghost,
and born of the Virgin Mary.

God's Incarnation, which the
Christian Church proclaims, is
open to historical investigation and
may be chronologically fixed.
But the significance of the Incar-
nation is in that which was done
for man's eternal good—the self-
sacrifice of God's only-begotten Son—
which was the crown and consum-
mation of that sinless human life.

Yes, what the Church says about
Jesus Christ, the God-Man is really
a "coop", or really news of the
most sensational sort. There
is no news so original as the good
news of mankind's redemption
and forgiveness in the One whose
birthplace was a wretched man-
ger in Bethlehem. There is no
person in all human history so
original as Jesus Christ, the Sav-
iour of the world! Leave your
homes, leave your self-designed
services, my brethren and go

to church to hear this news—
now at Christmas, and reported
thereafter. "Learn of me, for I
am meek and lowly in heart; and
ye shall find rest unto your souls."
(Matt. 11:29).

I wish you all the joys and bless-
ings of a Christ-centred Chris-
tmas; and I pray that your New
Year may bring you peace and
health.

"To an open house in the evening
Home shall open wide,
To an older place than Eden
An a taller town than Rome,
To the end of the way of the war
daring star,
To the things that cannot be and
that are,
To the place where God was
and they heeded for Bethlehem
And almen are at home."
— G. K. Chesterton
"The House of Christmas"

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.
Christ left a throne and came
to a manger that He might
fill his mansions with redempti-
on.

... Bethlehem means, "The
House of Bread". "I am the
bread of life."

The Wise men went first to
the kings' palace and then they
lost sight of the Star.

Then they went to the South.
... in Bethlehem of today...
and they heeded for Bethlehem
and found the Star again.



GREETINGS

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May its spirit and cheer remain with you throughout the year.*

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Since the Creation, nothing so great has happened to mankind as the coming of the Son of God to show the Way to Man. Let us not forget just what is the true occasion of Christmas lest we lose the meaning and be caught up by the commercialism and festivities which have clouded the issue year by year

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Christ Was Different

Rev. E. Steyer
Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The celebration of Christmas is upon us again and many will attend God's House to worship the Christ Child this Christmas. For an aid to worship the Christ Child this Christmas I would like to point out the difference between the Christ Child and any other human being ever born on earth.

FIRST, HIS BIRTH WAS DIFFERENT.

His birth was announced centuries before He was born. (Gen. 3:15) In Isaiah we read, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give

you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14). That's different from the usual birth announcements. Many people thought He would be born amid wealth and persons of high social standing. His BIRTH WAS DIFFERENT. He was born in a stable because His parents were very poor and there was no place for them in the inn (Luke 2:7). Other babies were normally born in the better surroundings of a home.

SECONDLY, HIS LIFE WAS DIFFERENT.

This baby grew to manhood. His life was different. Other people fought, hated, cheated, and deceived because they were born in sin. His LIFE WAS DIFFERENT. He obeyed, loved, helped, caught, gave, and forgave. He performed many miracles, not in another's but His own power. Most astounding of all, He loved

to keep the Ten Commandments for us sinners. His life was radically different.

THIRDLY, HIS DEATH WAS DIFFERENT.

Because He did good, men hated Him. The Bible tells us why they hated Him: "Because their deeds were evil... because He was light, and men loved darkness rather than light" (John 3:19). Men put Him to death on a cross. They hated His goodness because they were evil. They hated Him because they hated sin. He loved and kept every law that God holds you responsible for (John 10:37). They killed Him. And yet He did not die because He had no sin but because He wanted to—for man's salvation (John 10:36) His

DEATH WAS DIFFERENT. Frequently other men die in courage, cunning, begging, and fearfulness. Jesus died for the world—redeeming, loving, giving, and forgiving.

His death was bound to be different. To us remember why? He was God's own Son. There is also another reason. He didn't die for His own sins and shortcomings. He died for the sins of the whole world—for you and mine. Through His death we are reconciled to God (Romans 5:10). That's why HIS DEATH WAS DIFFERENT.

FOURTHLY, HE WAS DIFFERENT -- HE AROSE!

Babies are born, some grow to manhood -- but all eventually die. Here was a baby that was different: He was born, grew to manhood, lived and died. In all of these He was different... But that was not the end. He rose again from the dead. How and why could He rise again? Because He was different. He was God. The Bible teaches that it was not possible for Him to be held by death (Acts 2:24). He had power to take up His life again. (John 10:18)

He rose, too, because the whole reason for His coming... His birth... His life... His death... His resurrection... was to make us different. That is, righteous in the sight of God, forgiven, heirs of eternal life. By rising again He proved, and God the Father testified, that He had succeeded. (Romans 4:25). His resurrection proves that He is the Son of God and that His word is truth. A lifeless Jesus could change no one or make a single person different. A living God could -- and does.

JESUS CAN MAKE YOU DIFFERENT

He has something to give you His salvation. He brings it to you in and with His Gospel, through which He gives you the life that is yours in Him. This Christmas let this Saviour, Jesus make you different. He can. He lived and kept every law that God holds you responsible for (John 10:37). But He died -- and for you. He

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Season's Greetings ... To All!

Christmas, the season of open doors and open hearts; is with us again.

The year 1962 has gone by very swiftly, filled with hopes and joys, struggles, work and worries that make up your lives and ours.

We Calgary Power people, technical and office staff and most particularly the district staff that serves you, are glad that Christmas gives us the opportunity to send you, our friends and customers, a wish for happiness in your home -- the happiness that comes from good will and understanding.

For you and yours -- may this Christmas and the coming New Year be filled with health and prosperity.

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"Prince Of Peace"

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Many centuries ago Isaiah was inspired to write of the birth and reign of the Prince of Peace. These scriptures, of quoted part, testify at this time of the year are found in the 9th Chapter of Isaiah, verses 6 and 7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

In 2 B.C., as foretold, a child was born to us, in Bethlehem, of the royal line of Judah. He was Jesus. His parents raised him in Nazareth, however, so his youthful training was native Galilean. A.D. 29 when God's time schedule by Daniel arrived Jesus was arrested, becoming, the Messiah (Daniel 9:24, 25). Thereafter, the long promised light began to glow brilliantly by the sea of Galilee, as Jesus

began his public ministry. "He went around throughout the whole of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom and curing every kind of disease and every kind of infirmity among the people." (Matt. 4:23). He showed them that lasting peace and freedom from oppression would come by means of God's kingdom. By name of him "these sitting in a region of the shadow of death," were enabled to gain life, because he gave his life -- a real son in exchange for many." He is the one to shed light on the masses whereby men could gain life.

This light promising deliverance from death and oppression -- all backed up and inspired by the government of God -- was not restricted to men of Galilee. Isaiah had foretold that the crown-

ments increase would be without end. The peace it would bring would not be a peace for our time, but a peace for all time making way to create to the eternity of the Lamb (Psalms 46:3, 9). That is the thrilling future for those who obey the good news about Christ Jesus, whose wonderful counsel and fatherly kindness will mean life eternal to all who joyfully hail him as the Prince of Peace:

And every year at Christmas time The old tale we repeat: How shepherds prayed, and wise men knelt In adoration sweet.

Now when the waning year comes round To Christmas front and snow: Again the Babe of Bethlehem is here, as long ago.

He dwells anew in all men's hearts, Serene and undefiled, And something of His love we find In every little child.

- Effie Butler.

When Christmas Comes

There is a tale of Bethlehem, Of many years ago: The birthplace of a tiny Babe beneath a star's bright glow.

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Hertha Claus

Last Christmas, my little girl asked, "Daddy, why does Santa Claus come down the chimney instead of through the door?"

I was stumped. Do you know? Well, here's the answer.

Long, long ago, people believed in many gods and goddesses. One of the early Scandinavian goddesses was "Hertha." She was the goddess of domesticity and the home. Come to think of it, that's probably where the word "hearth" comes from.

On December 22nd, at the time when the sun was at the lowest point in the winter sky, each family had a celebration for Hertha. Houses were all decked with fir and evergreen. In the great central room the family gathered to dine.

In those days the fireplace was an open pit in the centre of the room. Instead of a chimney there was a hole in the roof to let the smoke out. And great quantities of fire brought by the sun, as the smoke billowed up

through the opening in the roof, it was believed that the goddess Hertha came down through the smoke and entered the house bringing good fortune to all.

This ancient custom has persisted through the years. The spirit of Hertha became Santa Claus coming down the chimney instead of through the door.

Legend has it that before the Christianization the berries of Christmas Holly were white instead of red as now.

Timely Comment

TIME seems to fly during the holidays. A quotation from Shakespeare offers a plausible explanation. It is presented here in the form of a substitution cryptogram. That is, each letter has been substituted for by another—the same letter throughout.

**ENADHITA HED HESWEE
LHQA SKA KETUM MAAL
MEKUR.**

How quickly can you restore the original letters?

—JAMES EARL RAY, 1955

Two on a Match



A magician holds up two matches in the form of a cross. He states to his audience that with these two matches he can form a square, using them just as they are. What is the gimmick?

The secret is revealed above. Before beginning the trick, the performer bends both matches in two. He conceals this fact with his fingers, as illustrated.



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"Let's Keep Christmas Simple"

By James B. Sweeney
Taken from Good Business

One of the reasons we all enjoy making the beloved Christmas carols is that they evoke in us memories of Christmas past. And Christmas past seems good to us because, consciously or unconsciously, we remember its simplicity. Most of us have an innate desire to keep Christmas simple. It seems today everything tends to become complicated, and Christmas certainly is no exception.

Of course I am not against Christmas or its celebration. I feel however, that we should not complicate Christmas until it becomes a burden, a chore and a strain to us instead of a time of great joy.

For instance, take Christmas trees. Formerly a man bought a tree and took it home. He put a simple little wooden stand under it—usually a couple of pieces of wood crisscrossed—a few decorations, some lights and perhaps the children would make paper decorations and a paper angel colored with crayons to put on top. We thought the tree was beautiful and wonderful, and it was.

Today, Christmas trees are no longer so simple. We can buy them sprayed in various colors. When we go to trim the tree we do, but now in addition to plain colored lights we have lights that twinkle or bubble, and even some that ring bells.

We have very fancy ornaments, some made of ceramics, some of silk, some with jewels in them. Tree ornaments have become very elaborate and very expensive.

Artificial trees are common now made of plastic, while other newer and popular ones are made of aluminum. Of course there is an advantage in having an artificial tree that can be assembled, then taken down and put away for re-use year after year. But even these trees are becoming quite complicated. I saw an ad in the paper the other day offering an aluminum tree with over two hundred branches. Can you imagine carefully assembling and taking more than two hundred branches to the trunk, then taking the tree apart after Christmas and putting each branch in its own individual little package? The artificial tree may be a wonderful idea, but as we do with so

many other things we tend to complicate it until it becomes so involved that it takes up much more of the time we otherwise would have for enjoying Christmas.

And our home decorations: You remember how it used to be; you bought some little folding paper bells and put them on a string across the room, and everyone remarked how beautiful they were. We have one of these at home now, and I think the reason I like it is that it reminds me of those old paper bells. But the more we have now it at least feet diameter—just another example of "progress" in Christmas decorations.

We are bombarded with all sorts of fancy decorating ideas for the home. Where I live, community organizations have "idea" shows selling several weeks before Christmas. At these shows one finds a lot of clever and time-consuming ideas for decorating the home for Christmas. They are good ideas, especially if you will select a few that you find most appealing and use them. But when you go to one of these shows the tendency is to want this and want that and something else, until the first thing you know all your time is taken up in trying to make all these beautiful things for Christmas.

Each of the home magazines tries to outdo the others in showing more elaborate and fanciful home-decorating ideas in its Christmas issue. Also each magazine tries to outdo its own previous Christmas issues. It has become such an overdeveloped field that without professional help you couldn't possibly decorate your home as these magazines suggest. They show you decorations with special tablecloths for Christmas use only, and special tableware. Apparently you should have a complete special service for your family and every guest, to set your Christmas table correctly.

In fact, it may be the cheapest thing to do would be to maintain a separate Christmas home, all decorated for Christmas. One could move in to it after Christmas time, then move out of it after New Year's.

But of course, the joke in this is that after one or two years, your Christmas home would be completely obsolete. The decoration in it wouldn't be up to date, so that wouldn't work either.

Everyone Rolls Up Their Sleeves . . .

CHRISTMAS MEANS WORK

By WALT HARKADOR

Christmas comes to Canadians every year but it is becoming more than just gifts and good cheer. It has a habit of bringing about a lot of hard work as well.

After all, although Christmas is undoubtedly Canada's happiest holiday, it can also be the most fatiguing.

During the Yuletide season, everyone from the postman to the department store salesman has to add some extra hours to meet the Christmas rush.

From the housewife has to quicken her pace. She has to stir up the Christmas pudding, mix up the mince pies, carry out the house in readiness for the family get-together, and perform a thousand other household chores in preparation for the festive day.

CHRISTMAS CROWDS
We are reminded of the Christmas shopping, shuffling with the crowds, waiting in line for the perfect present for husband Harry, sister Sue, or brother Bob.

Of course, once the presents are bought, there's still the wrapping to do. And inevitably the wife of the family finds mother is such an artistic wrapper that they would like her to wrap up their pile of presents too.

After that, there's the Christmas cards to do. There's a hundred cards to sign, and a hundred stamps to lick. But the husband doesn't escape his share of Christmas time chores.

For example, it's his duty to go out and choose the Christmas tree. And to please the family, he naturally feels obligated to pick out the biggest one he can find—even though he knows that the one who'll have to lug it home.

After that, there's the lights for him to string up around the house. And the roof railing to put together. And perhaps the hardest job of all, he has to find some remote corner in which to hide the Christmas

presents so they won't be able to find them. And if it turns out to be a white Christmas, you may learn your youngster is more than willing to go out and shovel the front. Don't be surprised by this. It's just that he wouldn't want to see his grandmother slip on the walk when she's carrying all those heavy presents.

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And believe it or not, there are hundreds of Canadians who have already started working hard for Christmas, 1963.

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St. Nick's not the only person who has to work hard before Christmas.

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BORN THIS DAY

Christmas is here again! What does it mean to you? Before you eyes visions appear of happy little gatherings, children playing, toys, gifts, joyous carols, merry Christmas bells. A riot of signs and sounds of former Christmas seasons arise in your thoughts when past memories are stirred.

Christmas is here again! It is this all it means to you. True these are seasons of memories, but fleeting and often tinged with sadness.

Christmas, as God meant it, has an eternal meaning, giving to men eternal blessings that would never fade into haunting memories but forever be present in full reality. On this day the blessed Son of God was born of a virgin. His name was called Jesus, which means "Saviour" for God sent His Son to save us from sin.

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour," shouted the angels to the shepherds watching their flocks. If you have re-

ceived Him as your Saviour what precious meaning this day has for you. Through Him you have been freed from death to eternal life.

From Heaven above in His infinite love
Came Jesus,
the Saviour of men.

On this day the Lord of glory came to dwell among men. He bore a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. On this day came the One who said, "Lo, I am coming, moment by moment He dwells with you. Are you conscious of His loving presence?"

The angels of God on this day proclaimed "peace on earth to men of good will" because God had sent His Son to make reconciliation. Through Him peace is made with God. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1 Through Him who would come the peace of men in men's restless souls. The whole world is restless like the sleeping sea, and on its troubled billows comes the One who, in Himself, is a haven of quiet rest and peace to all who trust in Him. "And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Are you reminded that your rest is not found in peace with God in the One who was born this day, and that you are now possessors of the peace of God which passes all understanding?

Zacharias, the pious scribe joyously and prophetically said, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour," shouted the angels to the shepherds watching their flocks. If you have re-

the way of peace. Dark days are upon this old world, but this Christmas day reminds all thoughtful believers that the Dying Christ on high hath visited us and through Him we do not live in darkness, but are the children of light and have, shining in our souls, the light of life.

On this day was born, in the City of David, David's greater Son, Christ, who is one day to be King over all the earth. "Of His Kingdom there shall be no end." This day reminds us that the babe born in Bethlehem will one day come in power and great glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All those who follow Him in His path shall reign with Him when He comes in glory. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with my Father in His throne." That day is near at hand. He who came on this day the first time, is about to appear again a second time. Signs of that second coming multiply. As then, so now, the signs are seen the signs of His coming and are watching, and all over the world war rages and the signs are filled with great significance. Does this Christmas remind you as you realize that it may be the last until He shall appear again? "For unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time."

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with me peace with God and we down joy! Does it thrill you with great expectancy, as you watch for the coming One who soon shall reign and rule on earth and shall set up an eternal Kingdom where to shall dwell peace and righteousness? If this Christmas does not mean this to you, when you open your heart and let the Lord of glory, born this day a baby, enter now into your heart? Does the gates of your heart and let His glory shine in your heart and life as the glory of God there? Christmas is here again! Let it mean all this to you.

Good judgement comes from experience, and experience comes from poor judgement. Don't worry about your past failures. Think how bad it would be if it should and you had to live it pulled.

"Four weeks ago I was so run down that I could not even spank the baby, wrote a woman to a certain magazine. But after taking three bottles of your wonderful tonic, I am now able to spank my husband in addition to my other household work."



Merry Christmas

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SECOND SECTION



Christmas

IN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS BEGINS IN CHURCH: In the preceding eleven months of the year Christmas celebrations begin... they begin in churches where the Christ is celebrated. Christmas is a time of happiness, of recognition of the true Christian spirit, for the true Christian spirit is not of long-faced, straitlaced gloom, but of joy, merriment, laughter. Isaac was named "laughter" which is what "laugh" means in Hebrew. Christmas is the epitome of joy of Christmas to remember how the shepherds were on their way "rejoicing." The joy of Christianity find their culmination in the celebration of the birth of Christ.

CHRISTMAS BEGINS IN CHURCH: So, this Christmas, this coming Christmas morning, let us enter into the Home of God and give thanks for the blessings bestowed in the birth of Christ, Very God, Who became known as the Son of Man that we in Him might know joy and gladness.

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OF THE SEASON—WITH HEARTIEST
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we hope they don't take us for a joy and shout us up.

We heard that someone had climbed the London airport for four hours trying to find a hole to land in. Undoubtedly that party reviewed all their past misadventures during that four hour period. We wonder if before someone wonders it out loud if a four hour circling tour in the gray fog will be long enough for us to review all our past misadventures.

We started to do this three years ago, had a reservation, etc., to London. But at the last minute we had to cancel it as we couldn't get the paper done and get in enough contributions to satisfy the banker. (Bankers are such sticky fellows sometimes. Iberry goes down most of the time, however).

Since we couldn't go to England at that time we settled for Hawaii. That was a nice trip. However we had one disappointment, on New Year's Day they had the coldest January first on record... 56 above zero. We were telling our friends that later and he said "what are you complaining about? You were still 127 degrees warmer than we were." He and Gladys spent their New Year with Gladys folks in Carrot River and the entire week was wrapped in the grip of a blizzard that year, and it was 51 below zero in Carrot River.

We won't settle with all our crooked money we leave, as we want at least a few on this side wishing us a safe return.

By the way, if you think this picture at the leading looks terrible, you should see the one on our passport. And, and your life families. You have become citi-

zens of a country which shall grow and flourish in abundance in the coming decades. Canada stands on the edge of great destiny.

The new black 63 Chevrolet you see in town belongs to Ed and Joyce Sandiford. They got rid of the Automobile after operating it for nine years without an accident of any kind. A very good record, particularly over the kind of roads we had around here eight or nine years ago.

Aggravatingly Joy Glick is now working in the Royal Bank in Medicine Hat, and not in Edmonton. Joy and Dolly have been down there for several months. They stayed with the Coppenhagens on their recent visit to Drayton Valley.

Pat Orlans of Paul Farrow Insurance Co. came into the office last night asked us to take a picture of the Fire Bell, near the "Carnegie" station in London where we are over there. Seems that the Fire Bell must be a real "hot spot" considerable time on his leaves when he was over there in the Canadian Army, during the war. Wonder if Pat wants the picture to be sent back to his family. "That's where my money went. That's where my money went. That's where my money went."

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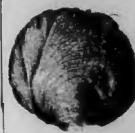
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"Gifts Of The Three Wise Men"

By the Rev. Roderick Macdonald
Drayton Valley United Church

Matt. 2:11-12

"Then, opening their treasures, the wise men offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way."

When Sir James Simpson, the discoverer of the chloroform, was asked by one of his students which had been the greatest discovery of his distinguished medical career he replied that it was the discovery of the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord. He, thereby, laid all the treasures of his great skills and accomplishments before his Lord as the gifts from one who recognized the source of his inspiration and ability.

This story from Matthew's gospel is one of the most beautiful and effective descriptions we have of the history making and extraordinary event which was the birth of Jesus. However, men may look at the details provided by the authors there can be no doubt that a most significant and unusual event had taken place.

During the 1000 years prior to this event mankind had been groping vainly for a meaning to existence. God was revealing Himself to man in an inimitable way and, progressively His nature and purpose were being seen by man as the great

Hebrew prophets spoke God's word in the situations where they found themselves and he applied himself to it with a practical turn of mind. In other places, too, men were discovering great truths and God's revelation was interpreted by the unique followed in China and India and many other places.

Towering above the great many and variety of forms of religion which are still to be found throughout our world are the contributions of "Gautama the Buddha," Confucius and the Greek philosopher Socrates, his disciples Plato and Aristotle. These individuals are contemporaries with the golden age of Hebrew religion when the prophets spoke and the worship of God became the Hebrew way of life and all other gods were forsaken and abolished.

Gautama the Buddha has influenced the thought of Asia more than any other person down to our own time. He lived around 500 B.C., in India. His teaching was founded on his belief that nothing was permanent, that change was the absolute law of the universe. The modern doctrine of evolution asserts this doctrine of change and links it to Buddha also affirmed that because we cannot gain what we want and cannot escape what we dislike then this involves misery and sorrow. Of course this is not all the substance of Buddha teaching but it is sufficient to show its contrast to the positive nature of

Hebrew religion. There was no God in Buddha's thought. Man found salvation by inner contemplation and by withdrawal from society.

Confucius lived at the same time in China. He found a form of religious activity among his people and he applied himself to it with a practical turn of mind. His contribution dealt with the affairs of this life, with the state and the complications of government. Confucius claimed to be an agnostic concerning the next world and the fact of God. His deepest convictions concerned the development of the ideal man. He believed that human nature is naturally good. Man must depend on his own unaided powers to achieve maturity and character. There is no hint of help from an outside or divine agency.

Socrates and his followers Plato and Aristotle lived in Greece during the five centuries before Jesus was born and the entire western civilization and culture had been developed from the thoughts and reflections of these magnificent philosophers. They were all agreed with the great qualities of Truth, Beauty and Goodness and there is much evidence that Plato perceived the fact of God as the great original of all reality.

I have mentioned these three for good reason. God has been seeking man since creation and his self revelation was only partially apprehended by those whom he chose. The greater amount of truth was understood by the Hebrew prophets and they thundered of the great and wonderful new to an uncomprehending people. And so God revealed Himself to man in a way that man cannot

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not fail to understand. There was no God in Jesus Christ and a baby was born in Bethlehem who was the Saviour of the world and the light of the world. Thus the wise men came hurrying to place their gifts before Him who was superior, who was God. It is not an interesting observation that these three wise men could represent Buddha, Confucius and the Greek philosopher bringing their imperfect and incomplete religions to him who only could make them complete. None of them had universal appeal nor did they offer the timeless message "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." They came to Jesus as wise men have a ways done and will all ways do laying before him the treasures of their minds and their hands in the certain knowledge that He alone can bring meaning to life and purpose to our existence.

The wise men returned by a different way after they had met Jesus. So do we after we meet Jesus. Life is never the same again. We go back to our mud, our labours, our homes and our friends by a very different approach than we had prior to our encounter with Jesus.

"Jesus Berlin's 'White Christ' was first published in 1942.

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Mr. Speaker has
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to order. The House
will meet at 10 o'clock
this morning. The
order of business is
as follows: The House
will receive the report
of the Committee on
the Privileges and
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House of Commons.
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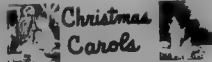
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The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And say by my side until morning is nigh.

Near the manger, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay,
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray,
Keep all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And lead us not into temptation, but live with Thee there.

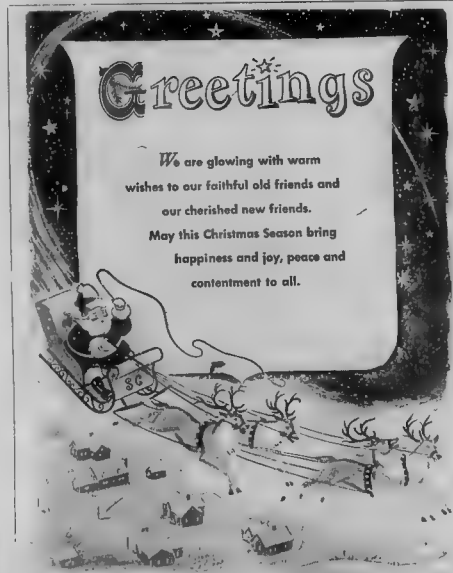
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie,
Above thy sleep and dream sleep,
The silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gather all above,
While mortals sleep, the angel
Thou watch of wondering,
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the
And peace to men on earth.

Is there a Santa Claus? by Francis P. Church

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love, and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies!



Greetings

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the most important is the increase in the number of auction markets now operating in the province. It is well known that any type of travelling produces a stress factor which can trigger off a dormant infection such as shipping fever. The shorter the distance the animals have to travel to an auction market the less chance there is of the disease developing. Since there is much more awareness of the danger of shipping fever, an increase in willingness has developed on the part of the cattle producers to take necessary precautions to prevent it.

It is now possible to get accurate diagnosis and quicker treatment because of the larger number of veterinarians in practice. A wider choice of treatments and preventive measures in addition to an ever increasing knowledge of the factors which govern the prevalence of shipping fever have also played an important part in preventing this condition.



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EDSON HEALTH UNIT

The Edson Health Unit Board held their 37th meeting at the Edson Health Unit office on Wednesday December 17th, 1952 with Mr. J. Wynne, Edson, Mr. P. Wells, Edson, Mr. L. Veale, Hinton, Mr. A. Meier, Drayton Valley, Mr. C. Donenwer, Everburg, Mr. D. K. McIlroy, Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. P. Adams, Unit Supervisor present.

We welcome to the Board Mr. L. Veale of Hinton, Mr. A. Meier of Drayton Valley and Mr. P. Wells of Edson. Mr. P. Wells was elected Chairman, Mr. J. Wynne was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Bill Campbell formerly of Saskatchewan, our new Sanitary Inspector, was introduced to the Board Members.

The Board accepted the financial statement presented by the Secretary-Treasurer for the period August to November inclusive. Budget proposals were presented which will be approximately the same as last year. Mrs. E. Marx resigned her position as staff nurse at the Edson office and Miss L. Hawkins was transferred from the Drayton Valley office to replace her.

We have now taken over the Pabian, Hinton and Fern schools which means an extra load for the nurses at Edson.

The total school population for the Edson Health Unit area now stands at 5,488 pupils and of these 756 are attending grade nine.

Immunization-Tuberculin testing, vision testing and hearing testing is being carried out in every school.

Reports on the Medical Officer of Health, Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer Conference were given by Mrs. P. Adams, Mr. J. J. Wynne and Mr. D. K. McIlroy.

The Board approved the purchase of another transportable dental equipment unit in order to give more efficient dental service to the Health Unit area.

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When success turns a man's head, he is facing failure.

Mrs. E. Marx resigned her position

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HOCKEY PROGRAM READ

After a month's planning, scouting, pleading and interceding it would seem that we will finally have enough minor hockey players to proceed with the winter's program and schedule. Now that all is finally set, at least tentatively, the ice which has been exceptional during the past three weeks has succumbed to the unsavoury weather and as it looks at this writing, will take a few days before it can be rebuilt suitable for hockey. This, of course, providing that the temperature takes a bit of a dip during the next day or so.

When the ice returns we will be ready to proceed with our winter program. It has finally been decided now that the Pembina Flyers will play in the Junior B Hockey League. All details have been finalized in this respect and a schedule was received late last week. According to this schedule each team plays six games, three at home and three on the road. The schedule opens Dec. 29 at Stony Plain with Wabamun the visiting team and closes on Feb. 3 with Stony at Evansburg. Drayton Valley open the season at Wabamun on Feb. 1, 1963. The complete schedule will be found elsewhere in this paper. The Pembina team will be a very young squad with over half the players still eligible to play.

Midget hockey, what is lacking in years, however, is made up in weight, calibre and desire and don't think for a minute that the Drayton team will be the weak side in this league. The midget level is one that is played on a doubtful stand. If those eligible midgets playing juvenile hockey can find time to double duty we should have quite a squad after the New Year. In fact this team might just be sharp enough to get a berth in the Provincial Playdowns in February. So much, however, depends on what can be worked out in the next few weeks. We have not enough men to go around and we certainly do not want to have too much hockey interfere with a boy's scholastic education or other phases of his growth and development. It is a case of doing what we can and the best we can with the talent available, giving due consideration to all matters in question.

It looks as if the Bantams are the richest category of all as far as players are concerned. Between forty and forty-five boys have named out. From this rather healthy number we have been able to form a three-team Intermediate League. This league will be made up of teams sponsored by the Drayton Valley Rotary Club, the Drayton Valley Lions Club and the B.P.O. Elks. These clubs are all sponsored through the medium of the Drayton Valley Athletic Association. Each team shall carry the name of its sponsor and shall be known as the Rotarians, the Lions and the Elks.

The Pee Wee level to date we have been lucky to be able to gather enough for two teams. If no other boys turn out before the New Year we will have no other alternative than to go on with a two-team Intermediate League and pick the stars from those two teams to play other towns if the occasion arises. A two-team league is not a healthy setup and it is very difficult to foster an interest in such a situation, however, we will go forward into the unknown and hope for the best, which by the way would be enough boys to form a three-team Pee Wee League.

Late entries at the Mite Level

SEASON'S GREETINGS

CITIZEN'S JUSTICE LEAGUE

have been quite heavy. I am sure it is a three-team league for the little fellows who will be developing their skills under the watchful eye of Al King.

Speaking of coaches and managers, the Pembina Flyers will have Ed Mitchell as team manager, while Bill Ward and Joe Babin will tend to the coaching duties. If a midget team is formed Mr. Ward will likely double up as the coach in the Bantams level of the ice league. At the Bantam level, the Lions management is in the hands of Jim Bannard and Barney Moeck. Clayton Rose-Overby and Stan Luckack are the boys men among the Flyers.

PEMBINA PUNCHES OUTSTANDING IN CITY

The members of the Pembina boxing club traveled to Edmonton last Thursday to take part in a boxing tournament held at the South Side Legion. Two of the five competitors returned victorious, all bouts involving local talent were won or lost via the decision route.

Ted Billingsley of the South Side Legion who a few years back was known as the "Big Boy" of Canadian boxing returned to his ring career after a span in the Royal Canadian Navy. His opponent for his comeback match was none other than the Dominion Greaserweight champion, Orel Combs of Drayton Valley. This bout proved to be a tough and ready effort from both sides. Billingsley showed little regard for the rules of amateur boxing as he went after the Pembina prize with everything but the ring ropes. He used his superior close quarters where the going was the toughest. Orel fought a good hand fight and gave the midget Billingsley all he could handle. In fact it was anyone's fight but the judges saw it 2-1 in Billingsley's favor. Orel was undoubtedly a bit disappointed at the turn of events but he is a better fighter than the South Side scraper and would like to prove it in a return match at the earliest possible opportunity.

Garry Marmie the Pembina boy with the buzz cut style fought what undoubtedly could be considered the best fight of his life to beat Jasper Place opponent, Teddy Majors over three fast, exciting rounds. The rugged Marmie carried the fight to Majors all the way and landed his cleaner and more effective punches to get the well deserved nod from the adjudicators.

Arnold Webster dropped a three round decision to Dick Knebel of Jasper Place in an action packed bout. Action was fast and furious as both boys went for the knockout punch from the start. Knebel seemingly had a slight edge in punching capacity in the last round when Webster tired under the rugged pace.

Dick Anderson of Jasper Place who with a good weight advantage gave Garry Marmie quite a going over a couple of weeks ago met his match Thursday night as the person of Marvin Combs, of Drayton Valley. These two outstanding lightweights went at each other over three fast rounds, with Combs coming up with the decision.

Another local youngster made his ring debut on this card Larry Moeckle of Drayton Valley dropped a close decision to Timmy Danish of Jasper Place.

The local boys all turned in an outstanding performance as usual. Win or lose boxing fans are always kept on an action-packed program when boys from the Pembina Boxing Club are on hand.

In the absence of Goebel Cross, who has been injured because of illness, Don Booker, Jack O'Rourke and Leo Maltis have been in charge of the club. Book and O'Rourke were the coaches on hand for Thursday night's fights.

"Since I got a girl I can't smile. I can't drink. I can't smoke."

"Why not?"

"I'm broke."

"One woman to another."

"Why don't you go to him?"

"He won't let me."

"Why not?"

"He won't let me."



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DEC. 30	DRAYTON VALLEY AT EVANSBURG
JAN. 4	EVANSBURG AT WABAMUN
JAN. 6	STONY PLAIN AT DRAYTON VALLEY
JAN. 12	WABAMUN AT DRAYTON VALLEY
JAN. 12	EVANSBURG AT STONY PLAIN
JAN. 18	STONY PLAIN AT WABAMUN
JAN. 19	EVANSBURG AT DRAYTON VALLEY
JAN. 26	DRAYTON VALLEY AT STONY PLAIN
JAN. 27	WABAMUN AT EVANSBURG
FEB. 1	DRAYTON VALLEY AT WABAMUN
FEB. 3	STONY PLAIN AT EVANSBURG

All four teams shall take part in the playoffs. Dates to be announced later.

GOD'S GREAT GIFT

Drayton Valley Christian Reform Church.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This familiar verse of Scripture is not usually quoted as a Christmas text, is it? Yet when we stop to think of it, what more beautifully speaks of God's great gift on the first Christmas in Bethlehem?

This verse tells us at least three things. It tells us first of God's love. In fact, it tells us that God's love was so great that He gave His only begotten Son. That took a lot of loving, for the world was not so eager to welcome Him. Yet because of His love, He came.

As verse tells us, secondly, of the purpose of this gift of God. The purpose of God in sending His Son into the world is salvation. The Bible teaches that Jesus died to come to condemn the world; that the world through Him might be saved.

It is a verse that, next, that tells us of God's love and salvation. It is a condition which must be met: "whoever believeth."

Clearly the Bible teaches that God has a plan of salvation for all men, but that does not destroy the condition: "whoever believeth."

This must be our emphasis today as we go to church the sacred may be decorated and on the way home the children might count Christmas trees. But the God of our attention be to God's great gift: Jesus Christ. And that is not a matter of putting Christ back into Christmas. He has always been there. There has never been a time when Christmas celebration without Him. But it is a matter for our attention to confess Jesus as God's gift of love to a sinful world. Believe that.

Though Christ a thousand time in Bethlehem be born, If He is not born in thee, He is not born in thee. Thy soul is still forlorn.

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LET'S KEEP CHRISTMAS SIMPLE

(Cont. from page 10, Dec. 9)

ick up objects from the floor, all forward or backward on command, or fight with you. It would not be surprising to find that you could buy a rocket that would take off and orbit just around the block.

In our gift wrapping we strive each year to be more and more elaborate and fancy. These are new and different, real artistic creations, to say nothing of being expensive and very time-consuming. Too, if you "wrap" up, your gift book with it, add those of other.

Then there is Christmas music. You remember how it used to be. Christmas music was made by a few people. It was around a piano, or a real organ. It was Christmas carols. Now Christmas music means hi-fi or stereo with a professional choir doing the singing (or maybe Christmas music). There are multiple speakers, playing sound through the house so you can hear about hundreds or a white Christmas when you are leaving, checking the furnace, or rummaging in the attic for you skinned um tree.

At Christmas time we try to work in more and more activities. We try to attend and take part in more things. There are more and more "musts" for us. Even television has complicated "must" games as they take place.

A few years ago, no one thought much about the Four-armed of Rosa parade in Pasadena, unless he lived in the street or was fortunate enough

to have the money to travel there to see it. But now many of us wouldn't think of spending New Year's Day without watching the Tournament of Roses on television. It is just one more must added to the mountain of things that we are trying to win in during the holidays.

It is necessary that we find a stopping place. For an enjoyable Christmas, we have to achieve a balance. There are pressures on us to do everything we see and we see that and we see something else, and we want to be a part of everything. But because we cannot, we tend to become dissatisfied with Christmas. We don't enjoy it. We are hurrying to get this done and get that done, to get somewhere, to see this television program and so on.

We must learn to make a choice. We want to make enough preparations to have a satisfying Christmas, but we must leave time and energy to enjoy the wonderful season.

Get Christmas decorations that you can enjoy and gifts that express your good will, but limit your spending to an amount that will not burden you financially in the months ahead.

Then, having decided on that you can enjoy Christmas without concentrating on what you don't have and without thinking about what you are unable to do.

Pick the tree that you want, whether it is a real tree or an artificial one, but what does it mean to you? Can you afford on it, and enjoy it.

Put nice Christmas touches about your house, but stop before you reach the point where decorating

becomes a burden to you or a house of contention. When you find yourself genuinely trying to get other members of the family to do more, then you had better stop, because you are losing the true meaning of Christmas.

Buy the presents you can reasonably afford. After all, the children can't have everything they want. It isn't good for people to have everything they want, and children need to learn this at home. If they don't, they will have a hard time learning it in later life. Christmas can be a time for their learning as well as their receiving.

Wrap your gifts carefully as well as you can. Use some of the ideas if you can, but don't let gift-wrapping frustrate you or become a burden to you.

I would rather receive an unwrapped gift with love than a sequin covered package with mistletoe bows that took all the gifts and time and money to prepare.

Spend your time energy, and money up to the enjoyment point but not beyond, for beyond that point are diminishing returns. Beyond that point you achieve less happiness for what you give of time, energy and money.

The enjoyment point will be different for different families; let it be so.

Find your own enjoyment point, and don't worry about whether it is the same as that of someone else. It is the same as that of someone else, or someone with whom you work. Don't try to "keep up with the Joneses" at Christmas. Find your enjoyment point and give your self whole heartedly to the Christmas preparations.

parations you can comfortably make. If you will do this, then you will have time and energy left to enjoy the season, and you will have time to think about the true meaning of Christmas.

It is not just the merchants who have crowded Christ out of Christmas. You and I have

allowed the pressures for more and more stuff—Christmas stuff—no crowd Christ out.

Let us not make that mistake this year. Let us spend our time and energy up to the enjoyment point; then enjoy Christmas and remember its true meaning—its Christian meaning.



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The Christian origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is found in the Biblical story of the presentation of gifts by the Kings of the Orient to the Christ Child.

Today the custom of exchanging gifts is on a colossal scale. For some it may have degenerated to a practice of swapping gifts during the Christmas season. For others it has become a burden and they are heard to say "I'll be glad when it's all over." Christmas should be a time of joy and giving. Joy because the love of God has been revealed, to us in the gift of His Son, our Saviour. We should receive Christ into our hearts. We should give our gifts to Him by helping Him to meet the needs of those people who need His help. The unfortunate and the wayward. Because love comes down at Christmas we will exchange gifts with our friends, but do not let us forget the people who are in need of Christian help.

Another practice has become so common at Christmas time—the practice of celebrating the birthday of Christ by indulging in alcoholic beverages. Safety Council is discouraging office drinking parties and implying that in homes and other places often become drunken orgies. This practice is a shame to those who take part and dishonouring to Christ whose birthday we celebrate.

Let this Christmas be one of joy in receiving God's gift of His Son. Send love to all mankind and especially to those who are least fortunate than ourselves.

Poinsettias can bloom next year

It is possible to keep your Christmas poinsettias and have them bloom again next year, says J. H. University of Missouri.

Poinsettias will bloom two or three weeks if you give them more. They need good light and should be kept at a temperature between 60 and 65 degrees.

This warm climate plant is extremely sensitive to drafts and easily injured by chilling or overwatering. But overwatering is also bad. Keep your Christmas plant away from radiators, TV sets, or other sources of heat.

The right kind of watering is to keep the soil moist. Poinsettias should be watered by dipping the plant in water. The water should be at room temperature. Start watering it again. Early in September when bringing the plant indoors to a sunny window and you are well on the road to a blooming plant for another Christmas season.

WHEN IS A TREE A TREE? According to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, a tree can rightly be called a tree when, upon attaining maturity, it has reached a height of at least 6 feet and a diameter of inches.

A strange Christmas tree to the White Bull Steak House. A Christmas tree steam bath to the entire family. A Christmas tree who are least fortunate than ourselves.

The Homemaker

If you are lucky enough to be remembered by relatives or friends from a warmer climate with a box of holly this Christmas, here are some tips for getting the most enjoyment from it. Christmas holly must be handled in the same way as other perishable products. Exposure to frost, dehydrating conditions and high temperatures cause discoloration of both berries and foliage. The ideal temperature for the storage of holly is approximately 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

When you receive your box of holly, leave it unopened in a cool, temperate room. You require it for decorating purposes. If it is

de have to remove it from its original wrappings place it in plastic bags in the refrigerator. Your Christmas arrangements should be made in such a way that the stem ends rest in water. Cutting the stems from time to time, as you do your flowers, will permit the holly to take up more water and to remain fresh and green much longer.

Merry Christmas



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CHRIST WAS DIFFERENT (Cont. from page 8, Col. 5)

died to pay for your lawbreak-
ing (sin). He rose with power
and proved that it is all pos-
sible.

You must realize and confess
that you are a sinner and that
you can have no relationship
with God as long as you are like
that. And just as important, you
must believe that THIS BABY,
you substitute and Savior.
When you believe in the forgive-
ness of your sins through Him,
your sins are forgiven. God looks at
you through Jesus. Your sins are
covered through Him.

JESUS MAKES CHRISTIANS

Perhaps you already are a Chris-
tian. What can this Baby do for
you? In a certain sense, He can
make you more different in your
character and life. He will make
you more like Himself. The
Bible describes it as being "con-
formed to the image of His Son
(Romans 8:29). The more you
grow in faith, the more you will
be like Him - and the less you
will be like the world. That is
the right kind of difference you
get through faith. He makes you
different through His Gospel.
His Word, and His sacraments,
use them this Christmas and be
blessed in your Savior the Christ
child. And may we all with the
angels sing:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory in the new-born King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Gloria in the new-born King."

Christmas perhaps first observ-
ed in the Americas by Norsemen
who wintered in "Vinland," 11th
century. Christopher Columbus
expedition members spent Christ-
mas 1492 in what's now Haiti, at
La Navidad, the new fortress he
was inspired to name for the ses-
sion (the Nativity).

The Creche said to have been
initiated by St. Francis of Assisi
in Greccio, Italy, on Christmas
Eve, 1224.

The Spear over Bethlehem

We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him
— St. Matthew 2:2

By Rev. Frank Lawson

Familiarity can rub out harsh
notes and make the Nativity
story sound like a fairy tale. St.
Matthew points out that even the
stars foretold Jesus' birth. His
coming was so startling a phenom-
enon that even the constella-
tions prophesied it. At the same
time however, there were task
and sinister forces waiting to de-
stroy Him and hold back the mil-
lennium.

A sentimental picture of our Sav-
ior's birth is all too common in
our churches. An image of Chris-
tiansity is given that is marvellous
and not wholly serious.

For the Christian and for all
those who share their devotion
to Jesus, Christmas should be a
renewed pledge to Jesus

But His coming should also lend
new eyes to our seeing, new
ears to our hearing. We must re-
member that He is always pres-
ent wherever there is suffering
humanity.

THE SPIRIT THAT STIRS THE
SPIRIT OF MAN

There is a window in the new
Cathedral in Liverpool, England,
dedicated to a woman who stayed
behind when others fled. It
was the year of one of the last
and most vicious plagues to
sweep the city and this woman
remained at her post to help the
dying.

"Cry the Beloved Country" is an-
other tribute to the human soul.
Millions throughout the world
have sniffed the wind of change
blowing across our century. They
see more clearly than any other
generation, the urgency of real
brotherhood as the first step to
peace on earth. But to take a
firm stand and face the conse-
quences requires more courage
than most of us can muster.

Alan Paton is not to represent
the spirit of Christ and speak of
Him in a unique way.

We must never be tempted to
omit David and his laughter
of infants from the Nativity
story.

WE DID NOT INVENT THE

We have driven man to the brink
of despair. The Greeks, 500
years before Christ, looked back
and saw the Golden Age in the
past, as did the Romans 200
years before Christ. Their drama-
tists talked of that hard pagan
world on which disgust and ac-
cursed loathing fell. Man must
help his age to lift up a banner
against despair and declare with
all his soul that the Golden
Age is in the future.

It is said that after a particu-
larly brilliant performance of a
Beethoven Symphony, the or-
chestra stood up and cheered "So-
crates." This embarrassed the
great conductor and after the ap-
plause died down he said, "You
see, gentlemen, it isn't me...
it's Beethoven."

"Joy to the World" written by
Isaac Watts in 1719. Musical set-
ting given it is 19th century from
Handel's "Messiah."

Plum pudding became popular
Christmas fare in England in the
18th century. Joseph Addison
(1672-1719) wrote in "The Tatler":
"No man of the most rigid virtue
avoids offence by an excessive
plum pudding or plum porridge,
because they are the first parts of
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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS
(Cont. from page 8, Col. 2)

For one to high-such a lowly
bed. He was born in obscurity in
a cattle shed. He lived most
of his life in obscurity, and at
the end of his earthly life he
died like a condemned criminal.

CHRISTMAS MEANS A MARKING
fest, unnoted by contemporary
historians. Infamously dated
use of all nations. Newspapers
are printed, cheques are dated
with the date that denotes His
Advent. Deeds are recorded,
conventions are laid, documents
and letters all bear this date,
called in a manner of times.
Christ has christianized the cal-
culation of the world. Born in a
stable yet the world was His
agent at the very starting point
of time.

After two thousand years this
festival is an eagerly anticipat-
ed and joyful event. The entire
machinery of our modern world
stands still as humanity pauses
to rejoice that He was born.
"I would say that He was not
born at the exact date of our
present Christmas, but the fact
remains--He was born--and be-
cause He came to the arms of
the Virgin in a Bethlehem stable
the world has been radically
changed.

There is no phase of life from
which His influence is excluded
we are married in His name--
we are buried in His name--The Triu-
mphant Christ has pro-
foundly influenced the lives of
us, whether we profess
Him or not.

CHRISTMAS MEANS A MEETING
Heaven and earth met on that
fateful night when God came
down in human form. The shep-

herds served and the angels sang
--"Shepherds!" In many places
has been a name of omen
out to these lowly herders of
sheep came the message of
God--"Unto you is born--"

Heaven and earth were united
Heaven bowed down and kissed
the earth. God and man were
now united--"Shepherds abiding
in the fields--" the angel of the
Lord--" a multitude of the
heavenly host."

The angels went back to the abode
of God and the shepherds
went on to Bethlehem--Heaven
and earth were in touch with
each other at the Birth of Christ.

Heaven took initiative--The
candle did not reach forth to
the sun, the sun stooped down
to kiss the candle. The glow-worm
did not reach up and touch the
star, the star stooped down to
touch the glow-worm.

Humanity did not seek God; God
sought Humanity. "God so loved
the world that He gave His only
begotten Son." He first lay down
--"I am born, to seek and
to save."

He put on our humanity that we
might put on His divinity. He
became the Son of Man that we
might become the sons of God.

CHRISTMAS MEANS THE
MESSIAH
Christ, being in the form of
God, thought

"God thought it not a prize to be
gained to be equal with God
says one translator.

Christ, often despised by men,
was always beloved of God--
"This is my beloved Son in whom
I am well pleased." Christ, hat-
ed by man, was worshipped by

angels. There is no glory like
the glory of the glorified Man
who glorified God on earth. "...
to whom God hath given a name
that is above every name--"

Over His Cross at the Crucifixion
they wrote in Greek, Latin and
Hebrew--"Jesus, King--" Culture
Religion and Power united to
deride Him.

But Greek, the language to cul-
ture, is dead; Hebrew, the lan-
guage of religion, is dead; Latin,
the language of power, is
dead--but Jesus LIVES --"

True, the pomp and pageantry
and commercialism and revelry
do not properly show forth His
birth--but the very fact that we
have CHRISTMAS means that we
do have Christ--THE MESSIAH.
The Meaning of Christmas is
CHRIST.

Christmas south of the
equator falls in midsummer.
Thus the decorations are
fresh flowers and the good-
ies often fruits taken direct
from the trees.

Although Christmas is the
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Christmas 1962 should give pause to all Canadians. It has been a busy year for us all. International Affairs centered on the brink, domestic difficulties beset us. We can give thanks that in both areas there is marked improvement. My Christmas wish is that peace will be more meaningful in the year ahead.

Certainly I believe that Canadians have much to give thanks for. This holiday is more than ever been fortified after visiting

some of the underdeveloped countries of the world. Our problems are mainly those of ethnicity and surplus. How different from the poverty and scarcity of so many people.

Let us give thanks for our fortunate position. Let us rededicate ourselves to our principles and ideals. Let us go forward knowing that the only way we can progress is by hard work. Let us accept the fact that we must on occasion sacrifice some of our pleasures for the good of all.

We have a great country. The Lord has been good to us. Our advances have come from hard work and our future prosperity depends on hard work. Nothing can be gained for nothing.

May I wish you and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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TAKEN FROM GOOD BUSINESS

"How do you keep it up and keep your good disposition at the same time?" Mrs. Avery whispered as I lifted a stack of books over the counter. I smiled at her and caught an express look of wonder in her eyes.

She had been watching the rapid paced movements of my colleagues and me as we scribbled diligently in our sales books, trying to satisfy clamoring customers.

Christmas shopping was at its peak; there was no time for the usual chitchat with customers. On the first floor all was peace and good will as Christmas carols played softly, welcoming all who entered the store.

In the book department on the lower level, good will was running a poor second against the frustrating hubbub.

It was Mrs. Avery's turn to be helped; at least, I thought it was. Slowly she raised several books over the large desk.

I was here first; a penultimate voice exploded beside her.

Mrs. Avery's books remained in mid-air, my arm ready to take them. We stood frozen for a second, and in that second the penultimate one dropped her books forcefully onto my sales book. I swallowed an angry retort as Mrs. Avery spoke softly.

"I'm dreadfully sorry," she said. "Go right ahead."

I smiled gratefully at Mrs. Avery. "Thank you," I said.

No one making it harder for you she commented, "may I leave my books here until you're ready?"

My heart sang out to Mrs. Avery and to all those who, none way or another make the hard light and happy for a saleable by so doing, they make their own Christmas shopping joyful rather than tedious and tiring.

But, alas, there are the Mrs. Thom, too. At other times of the year they are pleasant and wonderful when Christmas comes they unknowingly turn into perplexing personalities.

Most salespeople are given pep

Mrs. Thom, a customer of usually calm and thoughtful disposition, pushed her way toward me. I was in the midst of writing a sales check.

"Will you help me?" she demanded.

I glanced up quickly, recognizing her voice, and smiled. "I'll be with you as soon as I can."

"But I'm in a hurry," she wailed.

So are these others who have been waiting patiently. I thought Mrs. Thom stood at close to me as should in the huddle of others around the desk.

Finishing the sale, I looked around to find the next customer in line. From the corner of my eye, I saw Mrs. Thom straighten her shoulders. Her attitude said "Leave those who have waited longer and attend to me immediately."

"Who's next?" I asked, starting into a game of timed faces across the counter. Two arms, each holding several books, shot over the counter into my face. I took one set.

"Well, come an offended voice to my left. It was Mrs. Thom. For the moment, she neither thought nor cared that she had barged ahead of others.

"I'm sorry," I said to her. "This customer was here first." And with that, she said Mrs. Thom. She smiled apologetically, stepped away from the desk and browsed among the books displays until I was free to enjoy helping her.

Eleven months pass in which to prepare our hearts and minds for this season of peace and good will. When I arrive, what happens? Peace and good will fly out, as frustration flows in, Christmas shoppers, please!

Why not try an about-face this year? Hang onto that peace-and-good-will attitudes should a sense of impatience take hold up whatever you are doing. Take a deep breath and mentally reject those unwanted emotions, replacing them with thoughts of joy and love.



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talks prior to the season's heaviest days. We are urged to control tempers, to work as co-operatively as possible both with customers and other clerks.

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Merry Christmas shopping to you

CHRISTMAS TREE
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If you're not experienced at transplanting in the winter, you'd better get assistance from a nursery or gardener. The ground may be frozen, and unless the area around the base of the tree is carefully mulched before and after planting, the roots may freeze. Keep in mind that evergreens, commonly used for Christmas, thrive best in areas with cool or cold winters. The warm, dry air of the house can also harm the tree. It will easily dry out if kept indoors much longer than a week or if the root ball is not kept very moist. The tree should not be loaded with too many heated bulbs.

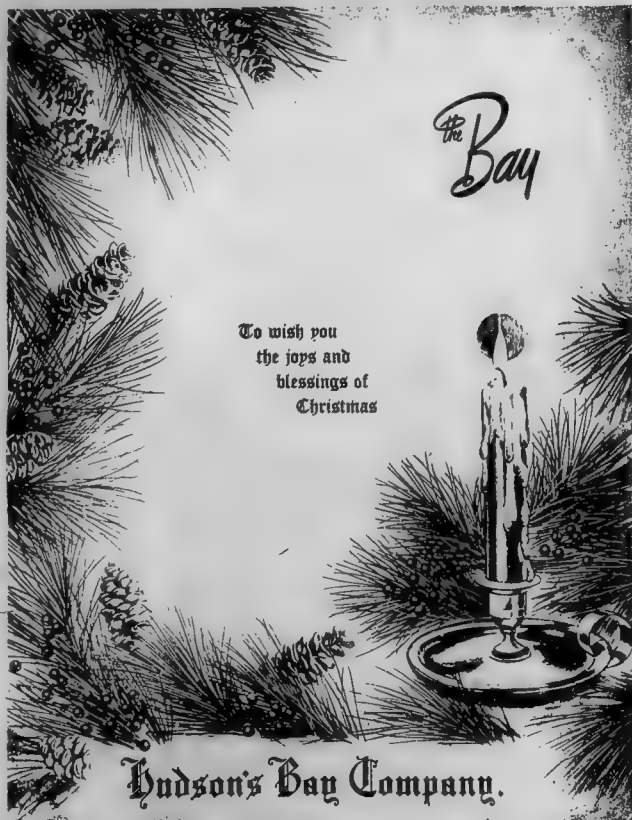
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The theme is the flight of the Holy Family from Judea after an Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother and flee . . ."

In the Giotto painting, facial expressions help to relate the mood. Jesus appears as a happy child, while Mary seems to be brooding over the life which lies ahead of the infant. There is sharp contrast, a pronounced distinction between people and landscape, and a celestial feeling about the entire scene.

George Hitchcock's "Flight Into Egypt," painted about 600 years later, is more realistic. It's been described as "earthy." The Mother and Child are set in a relaxed atmosphere, facial expressions are barely visible, and the whole composition seems to blend into one quiet mood.

To see how a single theme may vary as a result of individual treatment, compare Botticelli's "Madonna, Child & St. John," a Renaissance masterpiece, with Salvador Dali's "Madonna of Port Lligat," painted in 1950.

LITTLING MOVEMENT

Botticelli, like Dali, was a master technician. But he leaned toward graceful distortions and lilting movement, his personal hallmarks. He painted many Madonnas — all with slender figures bespeaking a touching tenderness. The Christchild is always depicted as a chubby, loving infant — the central figure in a composition of vivid color. "Madonna, Child & St. John" is a prime example of Botticelli's competence in representing nature, especially flowers and the heads of men and boys.

Dali's "Madonna of Port Lligat" is a provoking contemporary masterpiece, fraught with symbols which, though clear to the theologian, may puzzle the layman.

The Madonna and background are suspended in mid-air to express "spirituality." The



20th Century artist, George Hitchcock's, "Flight Into Egypt."

Child appears inside the Madonna, and within the Child is the bread of the Eucharist.

SIGN OF THE FISH

A fish appears in the foreground — symbolic of a gift which Port Lligat (Dali's hometown in Spain) fishermen would offer the Madonna. But the fish has a religious significance as well. It is the symbol of Christ.

As different as these two Madonnas are, there is a still more striking contrast in the realm of religious art. It is drawn from a comparison of two depictions of the fact of Christ — one done approximately 460 years ago by the immortal Leonardo da Vinci, the other a 20th Century painting by French artist Georges Rouault.

Da Vinci's head of Christ, part of his most famous masterpiece, "The Last Supper," is an example of classical perfection. The master used subtle tones to bring out quiet agony in the facial expression. The observer almost gets the feeling that the words Christ has spoken, "One of you shall betray me," still weigh down the corners of his mouth.

Much of Rouault's 19th Century work was influenced by primitive sculpture, which is apparent in his "Head of Christ." It is outlined in thick, black lines, and rendered in deep rich colors. The large, vacant eyes seem to come to life and help create the tragic mood of the painting.

Not for the lover of light, delicate, religious art, the Rouault is, nevertheless, one of Ostreicher's most frequently requested prints — admired for its great strength and honesty. It is featured in the print shop's catalog which is



15th Century Master, Giotto, "Flight Into Egypt."



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Regardless of the school or period of painting you prefer, the master or masterpiece which most appeals to you, there is at least one artistic interpretation of the Christmas story which can't fail to enrich your holiday.

Small Fry Humor

Mary's face was eager with anticipation as her father unwrapped his Christmas gift from her. It was the first time she had chosen his gift all by herself.

Naturally, it was a tie, indescribably soft both in color and design. Mary's father managed to hide his dismay with an exclamation of delight.

"Will you wear it, Daddy? Will you wear it?" Mary asked excitedly.

"Of course," came the reply. "But, just for special."

"Like to the office?"

"Oh, no. More special than that."

"How special?" inquired the bewildered Mary.

"Well, I'll just tell you how special," her father replied. "I'll wear it when you and I pop corn together."

Mary's face beamed.

This father belongs in the diplomatic Corps! The above wins five dollars for Mrs. Nancy Murdoch of Edmonton.

Who Brings Gifts?

Who brings Christmas gifts?

Throughout the ages, the act of giving has been shrouded in an air of mystery that surrounds both giver and gift. Since three Wise Men appeared suddenly out of the desert bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the newborn Infant at Jerusalem, Christmas gift-bearers have appeared and disappeared mysteriously every year.

In Spain, the three Wise Men still bring the presents and distribute them on January 8, the Epiphany. Spanish children put their shoes out on the window sill and fill them with straw for the camels — then awake to find that the straw is gone and presents have been left in its stead.

In Italy, the gift-giver is a La Befana — who is reputed to eat bad children as well as reward good ones. Legend has it that Befana was a woman who had been too busy with her household to offer hospitality to the three Wise Men — and asked them to return when she was not so busy. They did not come back and Befana watches for them every Epiphany.

TWO-WAY GIFTS

French children know that Le Pere Noel will come down from heaven and bring good things if they are well behaved — but if they are not, Le Pere Fouettard, Father Spanker — may arrive with a load of switches.

In Mexico, gifts come tumbling from a pinata — a gay clay bird or animal filled with fruit, candy, nuts and small gifts. The pinata is hung from a doorway or tree and the child, blindfolded, breaks the pinata with a stick. In the mad scramble that follows, each child strives to pick up as many gifts as possible.

In Denmark, presents are brought by the little gnome said to dwell in the family attic or barn — and in some parts of Scandinavia, gifts are brought by two gnomes — an old woman carrying a basket of gifts and an old man with a white beard wearing a red hood.

In Russia, Grandfather Frost often is assisted in his gift-bearing by the Snow Maiden. And in Holland, St. Nicholas rides upon a white horse while his black-clad servant, "Black Pieter," carries the gifts.

In ancient times, the gift-giver was a local bishop accompanied in a procession by demons who scattered at his approach. Perhaps one of these oldest Christmas processions was one in which two "ghosts of the fields" dressed in straw led the way, followed by Pan, and behind Pan a masked and horned creature who carried a birch to chastise sinners.

STRANGE GIFT-GIVER

But one of the strangest gift-givers of all flings open a door in Sweden — throws in a gift — then vanishes. The gift, called the Julklapp, is found up in so many wrappings that it is hard to find.

Modern Santa Claus, according to J. C. Penney Company, leading M.S. chain of department stores, have more than 50,000 different kinds of gifts to choose from. The firm's chief



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas dates back to the Three Wise Men, who suddenly appeared out of the desert bearing gold, frankincense and myrrh for the newborn Infant at Jerusalem. Since then, the act of giving has been shrouded in an air of mystery that surrounds both giver and gift, and Christmas

toy buyer alone selects upwards of 1,000 different toys and game items for Christmas stocks.

Which toys are popular with contemporary Sentas and their youngsters? The company reports an increase in popularity of science toys, and many children ask for dolls and toys they've seen advertised on TV. Sign of the times: Little boys who once wanted a train now frequently prefer a racing car set.

The red-clad figures who ring their clapper at shoppers have a real life model in the Turkish Bishop St. Nicholas, who devoted his life to charity and good works more than 1,600 years ago.

An old story tells how St. Nicholas unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace at Christmas time. St. Nicholas knew of a poor and proud nobleman who had no dowry for his three daughters. Coming to his house one evening, St. Nicholas peered in the nobleman's window, saw him fast asleep, and stealthily climbed the roof to the chimney. Here he pitched down three gold pieces, expecting they would land at the hearth at the nobleman's feet. But one of the daughters had hung up a pair of stockings to dry and the gold pieces landed in the toe of one of them.

NOT ALWAYS HAPPY

Christmas in the New England colonies was not a very happy affair. For a time — from 1642 to 1652 — the Puritans in England issued a series of ordinances forbidding church services and festivities on Christmas Day — as well as making plum puddings and mince pies. And in America, because such celebrations had a heathen origin, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a law in 1659 making the observance of Christmas a penal offense.

In England, Christmas merriment re-

turned with the restoration of the monarchy, in 1660. But in America, the zeal against "heathen customs" persisted until the middle of the 19th century. As late as 1856, Christmas was an ordinary working day in Boston, and often those who refused to come to work were dismissed. In 1870, classes were held as usual on Christmas in public schools, and children who did not attend were severely punished.

But things began to brighten as more and more immigrants arrived, bringing with them their own special gift-givers. Two centuries before, the Dutch had come, bringing St. Nicholas with them, or Santa Claus for short. A German colony had moved into Pennsylvania along with "Christkindleins" who was to be transformed into Kris Kringle. Swedish settlers brought a gift-giver descended from the old god Thor.

In 1822, a Presbyterian divinity professor named Dr. Clement C. Moore bumped into a tiny, fat Dutchman with red cheeks and white hair. The Dutchman had been telling Dr. Moore some St. Nicholas legends, and now it struck Dr. Moore that the old Dutchman was the very image of St. Nicholas himself.

Hurrying home, Dr. Moore sat down and started to write:

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

The modern flesh and blood Santa today is usually equipped with an artificial beard made of yak's hair from Tibet. He has had his origins in dozens of countries, Asia Minor, Italy, Africa, Holland, Russia and Sweden.

But it was from America that he re-crossed the Atlantic, as Father Christmas in England and Pere Noel in France.

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